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Dear Mr. Young:

Thank you for your letter of 15 December 1954 inviting our review and comment on the report and proposed Bill concerning medical benefits of overseas employees and their dependents which were prepared by your White House Overseas Personnel Staff.

We have reviewed this material with considerable interest. We are in favor of increasing medical benefits to employees and their dependents and will generally support such legislation as is required to attain this end. Special administrative problems arising out of some of the more unusual activities of this Agency may require that we seek exception or exclusion with respect to certain details of the final proposal, however. We believe that further comment on this particular point may be deferred until the proposal is presented in a final draft so such comment may be related to specific elements of the plan.

A few minor points which we would like to mention in connection with the report will be discussed informally with Mr. Brown by [redacted] who has been designated as liaison for this Agency in accordance with the final paragraph of your letter. [redacted] is a member of my Office of Personnel and can be contacted on code 143, extension [redacted]

In reviewing the Bill, we have noted a few points which we believe might be considered in revising it for presentation to the Bureau of the Budget:

a. The scope of the Bill with respect to illnesses and injuries covered is not completely clear. For example, it is not clear that maternity cases would be covered by the present provisions.

b. Although the report indicates that the determining factors will be the availability of facilities and health conditions in the particular area, the latter factor is not reflected in the Bill (section 102d). We agree that health conditions should be a factor and suggest that they be specifically included in the Bill.

c. The provision for an attendant to accompany an employee or his dependent who may be returned to the United States for care is limited to the authority to pay the cost of transportation only. If a professional attendant is required, additional authority would be required to pay for the services (section 203c).

d. Definition of "incurred overseas" to indicate whether the phrase means "clinically incurred" or "medically diagnosed" would be helpful (section 204a).

With respect to the additional information which will be required before this Bill is presented to the Congress, I regret that for security reasons, we will be unable to furnish the statistical information, including case histories, and cost estimates. The statutory authorities for our present program are contained in the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, as amended [50 U.S.C. 403e(a)(5)] and in 5 U.S.C. 150. In this regard, we should like to emphasize that the language of the final Bill should not impair any of the authorities already granted to this Agency by the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, as amended.

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